



**Indiana  
Department  
of  
Health**

# Drug Overdose Prevention Newscast

Jan. 31, 2023

## Updates

### Removal of DATA Waiver (X-Waiver) Requirement

On Dec. 29, 2022, Congress signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, which eliminates the DATA-Waiver program. Previously, practitioners were required to submit a Notice of Intent to prescribe buprenorphine for individuals suffering from opioid use disorder (OUD). With this new provision, all practitioners who have a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registration that includes Schedule III authority can prescribe buprenorphine in their practice if permitted by state law.

This policy reform is significant amidst the United States' opioid epidemic. The DEA strives to increase access to life-saving medications for opioid use disorder, like buprenorphine. The elimination of the X-Waiver will increase accessibility to OUD medications for those in need.

Looking forward, the Providers Clinical Support System (PCSS) will continue to sponsor waiver trainings and sponsor live trainings upon request. Waiver trainings will also continue to be available for practitioners online. The DEA and SAMHSA are also formulating new training requirements for prescribers. These collaborations will streamline PCSS resources for providers and increase access to opioid use disorder medications.

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### Madison County Syringe Services Program Extended

The syringe services program in Madison County has been extended for two years. Madison County Commissioners unanimously voted to extend the program, administered by Aspire Health Indiana, until March 2, 2025.

According to Julie Folz, director for infectious disease at Aspire, the goal of the program is to prevent the spread of HIV and hepatitis C while providing a safe environment for participants to get referrals about substance use treatment. Intravenous drug users can get new syringes when they return used needles. Madison County ranks seventh in the state in hepatitis C cases and 15th in the state for HIV cases.



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## Upcoming Events

### On-the-Spot: Motivational Interviewing

**3 p.m.-4 p.m. MST, Feb. 6**

**Hosted by: Mountain Plains ATTC**

A common approach in learning any complex skill is to work with experts assisting in the development of competencies. *Motivational Interviewing (MI) On-the-Spot* offers an opportunity to enhance practitioners' skills and confidence in the utilization and integration of MI into practice by providing access to subject matter experts to obtain immediate feedback during a one-hour, online, open forum. Bring your questions and join in on the dialogue to increase MI knowledge and change clinical practice approaches through the utilization of an MI style of communication.

To join the session, use the Zoom login below on the scheduled time and day:

Step 1: Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84298416541>

Step 2: Join by Telephone (ONLY if device doesn't have a microphone built in): Phone: +1 669 900 6833 (US Toll) or +1 408 638 0968 (US Toll)

Meeting ID: 842 9841 6541

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### Clark County CARES' Drug Facts Week 2023

**Feb. 6-11**

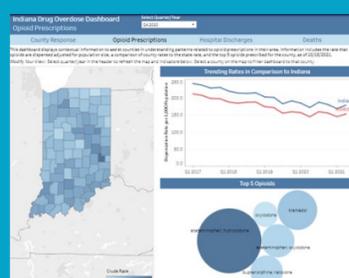
**Jeffersonville (specific locations detailed below)**

Clark County CARES (Community Addiction Resources, Education, and Support) is a community movement in Clark County for education and recovery support. Throughout drug facts week, which will take place February 6-11, daily events will be hosted in Jeffersonville to educate the public on how substance use impacts Clark County. Please view below for more details on specific events

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## Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard

Please visit the [Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard](#), where you will find data from 2017 up to provisional data for 2021. In this dashboard, you will find data regarding opioid prescriptions, hospital discharges, and drug-related deaths. You can use this dashboard to explore overdose data at the county and state levels.



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